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***Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry files murder charge
in nearly 23 year-old cold case***

Rodney Denk is formally charged with the murder of Amy Weidner

(Indianapolis, Ind.) Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry announced today that Rodney Denk has been charged with murder in the 1989 death of Amy Weidner in 1989, thus bringing charges in a cold case nearly 23 years old.

As set forth in the probable cause affidavit, Amy Weidner was 16 years old when she was beaten, sexually assaulted and strangled to death. During the homicide, which occurred in her home on the southside of Indianapolis, Weidner's two year-old daughter was present, but not injured. The child was found wandering in the hallway outside of Amy's room. Recovered from the murder scene was a palm print.

Last year, IMPD Detective Sergeant William Carter began investigating the case. According to the probable cause affidavit, the investigation led to Rodney Denk, who was a friend of the family during the time of Amy's death.

In the course of his investigation, Sgt. Carter made contact with Denk on Wednesday, June 27 and set up a meeting to interview him on Sunday, July 1. When Sgt. Carter arrived for the interview, he learned Denk was out of town. The following day, July 2, Sgt. Carter was contacted by Denk's cousin, who filed a missing person's report, as Denk reportedly had not been heard from since Thursday, June 28.

The probable cause affidavit also outlines that yesterday morning, July 2, Sgt. Carter obtained Rodney Denk's palm print from a 1997 arrest. It was later confirmed by IMPD that Denk's palm print matched the palm print recovered from the wall at the murder scene. Denk was taken into custody yesterday evening by police.

"The murder charge that has been filed against Rodney Denk is due in large part to IMPD's dedicated and thorough police work," said Prosecutor Curry. "Sgt. Carter,

along with the officers who came before him, has proven once again we will always seek justice for victims and their families, regardless of how long it takes. We look forward to prosecuting this case to its conclusion.”

Last month, Paul Reese, Sr. was convicted for the murder of Dawn Stuard, which brought a 26 year-old cold case to a close. Reese is scheduled to be sentenced on July 18 at 3 p.m.